

In the Specification

Please amend the title as follows:

PYRIDAZINES 4-PYRIDAZINECARBOXAMIDES AND ESTERS AS  
INTERLEUKIN-1 $\beta$  CONVERTING ENZYME INHIBITORS

Please replace the paragraph on page 5, lines 6-11  
with the following single amended paragraph:

"Substituted phenyl" is defined as a phenyl group in which one or more of the hydrogens has been replaced by the same or different substituents including halo, lower alkyl, nitro, amino, acylamino, hydroxyl, lower alkoxy, aryl, heteroaryl, alkyl sulfonyl, ~~arylsulfonamido~~ arylsulfonamido, trifluoromethyl, morpholinoethoxy and morpholino-sulfonyl, and carbobenzoxy-methyl sulfamoyl.